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SUBJ: VISIT OF LIBYAN ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY

1. BUZEID OMAR DORDAH, DESCRIBED VARIOUSLY AS THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OR FOREIGN SECRETARY OF LIBYAN, VISITED DACCA DECEMBER 27-28.

DORDAH, WHOSE VISIT HAD NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY IBRAHIM ALI LUERBI, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ASIAN DEPARTMENT OF THE LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO THE BRIEF PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE VISIT, DORDAH CALLED ON PRESIDENT SAYEM AND FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN AND WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY AIR-VICE-MARSHALL M.G. TAWAB, THE CHIEF OF AIR FORCE STAFF AND DEPUTY CHIEF MARSHAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR. REPORTEDLY THE LIBYAN TEAM WAS IN DACCA TO "DISCUSS THE MEASURES TO EXTEND THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS" BETWEEN LIBYA AND BANGLADESH.

2. COMMENT. BANGLADESH OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN RETICENT IS DISCUSSING THE VISIT. THE EGYPTAIN AMBASSADOR WITH SOME IRRITATION TOLD THE CHARGE THAT NONE OF THE OTHER
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ARAB DIPLOMATS IN DACCA WERE AWARE IN ADVANCE OF THE

VISIT AND THAT THE MFA HAS BEEN VERY RELUCTANT SINCE
TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF TALKS HELD. PRESUMABLY,
BANGALEES DID DISCUSS ECONOMIC RELATIONS, POSSIBLY OIL,
WITH DORDAH; LIBYA HAS IMPRTEED NUMBER OF BANGLAEE
PHYSICIANS AND SEMI-SKILLED PERSONNEL AND BANGLADESH
IS MOST ANXIOUS TO TAP ANOTHER SOURCE OF PETRODOLLARS.
THERE HAS BEEN PERSISTENT SPECULATION AS WELL THAT THE
BDG WAS LOOKING TO THE LIBYANS AS A SOURCE OF
MILITARY ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT THE MAJORS
WHO PERPETRATED THE COUP AGAINST SHEIKH MUJIB ARE IN
EXILE IN BENGHAZI.
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